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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Expedited processing requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all records of communications between the EPA and Dow Chemical. I intend "any and all records of

'communication" to include, but not be limited to, any and all letters, e-mails, phone calls, meetings, agendas, scheduled interactions, visitor logs, notes, cards, or any medium of recorded communication sent between the agency and any employee Dow Chemical. The time period for this request is January 1 2012 to the present.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on climate change, the environment and the interplay of those two areas with politics on a state and federal level that is of current interest to the public because following this week's climate march, the topic is fast becoming an area of interest to the public. It is important to file this to allow my organisation to contribute to the policy discussion surrounding the midterm elections and subsequent elections. This information is being sought on behalf of *VICE News* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about climate change, the environment, fracking, corporate interests in public agencies among other areas because very soon midterm elections will be underway and it is important that citizens are adequately informed of the environmental issues relevant to their state and local politicians. In this instance delay would simply rob the public of its ability to make known its views in a timely manner. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Olivia Crellin

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